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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 332

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Participating Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

**FROM:** The Iowa Department of Human Services, Bureau of  
Managed Care & Clinical Services

**SUBJECT:** Procedure Coding Changes

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2003

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated uniform national standards for health information. Consequently, Iowa Medicaid initiated a review of all local "W" HCPCS codes that are unique to Iowa Medicaid. These local codes are being replaced by CPT and HCPCS Level II codes.

<u>Old Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New Code</u>
W0950	Anesthesia for Legal (Therapeutic) Abortion	01964
W0951	Anesthesia for Intraperitoneal Procedure other than Abortion	CPT Anesthesia Codes
W0952	Anesthesia for Vaginal Procedure other than Abortion	CPT Anesthesia Codes
W0953	Anesthesia for Excision of Cervical Stump or Myomectomy	00940
W0954	Anesthesia for Tubal Ligation/Transection	00851
W0955	Anesthesia for Vasectomy Unilateral/Bilateral	00869
W0956	Anesthesia for Hysterectomy	00846, 01962, 01963, 01969
W0957	Anesthesia for Biopsy of Stomach or Intestine	00740
W0958	Anesthesia for Partial Hepatectomy (excluding transplant)	00792
Z2850	Intrathecal Narcotic for Labor and Delivery	62319

<u>Old Modifier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New Modifier</u>
ND	No Medical Direction of CRNA	QZ
MD	Medical Direction by Anesthesiologist	QX

**NOTE: REMEMBER, THESE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE 07/01/03 AND AFTER.**

If you have any questions, please contact ACS, fiscal agent of the Iowa Department of Human Services, at 1-800-338-7909 or locally at 515-327-5120.